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LB 138

please take your seats. Record your presence. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Burrows, Senator Warner, Senator Cope, Senator Keyes, Senator Schmit, Senator Hasebroock, Senator Kremer, Senator DeCamp, Senator Brennan. Is everybody in their seats? Okay. Do you have some call in votes?

SENATOR NEWELL: If the Clerk could remind us what the motion is.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is to cease debate.

SENATOR NEWELL: Very controversial.

CLERK: Senator Murphy voting no; Senator Reutzel voting aye, Senator Marsh voting aye, changing from no to yes; Senator Goodrich voting aye; Senator Kelly voting no; Senator Johnson voting aye; Senator Beutler voting no; Senator Merz voting aye; Senator Kremer voting aye; Senator Schmit voting aye; Senator Hasebroock voting aye.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to cease debate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle to close on his amendment number one to the committee amendments to LB 138.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, we have had considerable debate on this and I hope I can cut down on the time. I did provide you all with a handout, the first of which is a memorandum prepared by Ron Bowmaster, Deputy Director of Research. I would like to have you look at that. I will just read the third paragraph. It says, two states, Colorado and Wyoming operate a state supervised assistance program as does Nebraska. The states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and South Dakota operate a state administered program and each of these states, the cost of medical assistance payments are borne by federal and state dollars. None, I reemphasize, none of these states require the county to participate in the matching formula. I think this is one of the reasons that the counties have been so perturbed about trying to get relief from this burden. Several things were said that I...first of all, I want to...Senator Sieck gave an excellent speech the other day or yesterday, on a bill that we had up in which he knew a great deal about and I think he swayed a lot of